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TO: Zoning Administrator Item # 4.a.

FROM: Evan Mattes, Project Planner

DATE: January 18, 2017

RE: P75-0006-C/Sinton Parcel Map Correction

PARCEL MAP AMENDMENT

FILE NUMBER: P75-0006-C/Sinton Parcel Map Correction

APPLICANT: Tom Sinton

REQUEST: A request to amend Parcel Map 51-100 removing an existing 50-foot wide non-exclusive road easement. Exhibit B

LOCATION: The southern side of Partridge Place Road at the intersection with Jacquier Way in the Placerville area, Supervisorial District 3. (Exhibit A)

APNs: 049-080-35 (Exhibit C)

ACREAGE: 34.46 acres

GENERAL PLAN: Agricultural Lands (AL) Exhibit H

ZONING: Planned Agricultural Twenty-Acre (PA-20) Exhibit I)

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Categorically Exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Zoning Administrator take the following actions:

1. Certify that Parcel Map Amendment P75-0006-C is Categorically Exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305.
2. Approve Parcel Map Amendment P75-0006-C amending Parcel Map 51-100 (Exhibit F), based on the Findings and subject to the Conditions of Approval as presented.

BACKGROUND: The approval of Tentative Parcel Map P75-0006 resulted in the recording of Parcel Map 7-122, creating four parcels (Exhibit D). The Parcel Map included a 50-foot wide road and public utility easement created for the benefit of two parcels, identified as Parcel C and Parcel D. Parcel Map 7-122 was modified in 1977 by Parcel Map 16-7 and again in 2015 by Parcel Map 51-100. These amendments both resulted in lot line adjustments. Parcel Map 51-100 (Exhibit F) recorded the adjusted lot lines resulting in the subject road and utility easement contained entirely within Parcel B. The easement has been constructed as a private unpaved driveway. The parcel is currently developed with a single family residence and vineyard utilizing Partridge Place Road for access (Exhibit G).

STAFF ANALYSIS

Project Description: A request to amend Parcel Map 51-100 (Exhibit F), removing an existing 50-foot wide non-exclusive road easement (Exhibit B). The easement to be removed is found entirely within Parcel B of said map. As discussed above, the non-exclusive road easement has been developed into a private driveway and is completely encompassed by a single parcel removing the need for the easement shown on the map. Removal of the easement would allow the property owners to fully develop their parcels. The Public Utilities easement would remain.

Amending of Parcel Maps: Chapter 120.72 of the El Dorado County Code and Section 66472.1 of the Subdivision Map Act allow for amending of parcel maps by either filing a Certificate of Correction or amending the map. Should the Zoning Administrator approve the amendment, a Certificate of Correction would be processed by the County Surveyor's Office to effect the removal of the easement.

Section 120.72.040 of the County Code requires the approving authority make specific findings as set forth in Attachment 2.

Discussion: In order to approve the map amendment, the County must find that the amended map complies with the Government Code. Partridge Place Road is an improved road within a 50 foot road and public utility easement and serves all affected parcel owners and utility companies. Signed letters from effected property owners and all utilities supporting the map amendment have been provided.

Agency and Public Comment: The El Dorado County Surveyor's Office reviewed the project, and has recommended conditions of approval. The Transportation Division and the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) took no issue with the project. No formal comments were received

from, El Dorado County Agricultural Commission, Cal Fire, Apple Hill Growers Association, AT&T, Comcast, or Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The map amendment project has been found to be Categorical Exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines which states that minor alterations in land use limitations not resulting in the creation of any new parcel are exempt.

A \$50.00 administrative processing fee is required by the County Recorder to file the Notice of Exemption.

SUPPORT INFORMATION

Attachments to Staff Memo:

- Findings
- Conditions of Approval

- Exhibit A.....Location Map
- Exhibit B.....Proposed Map Correction
- Exhibit C.....Assessor’s Parcel Map
- Exhibit D.....Parcel Map 7-122
- Exhibit E.....Parcel Map 16-7
- Exhibit F.....Parcel Map 51-100
- Exhibit G.....Aerial Photo
- Exhibit H.....General Plan Map
- Exhibit I.....Zoning Map

FINDINGS

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Based on the review and analysis of this project by staff and affected agencies, and supported by discussion in the staff report and evidence in the record, the following findings can be made pursuant to *Section 66472.1* of the *California Government Code*:

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

1.0 CEQA Findings

- 1.1 The map amendment project have been found to be Categorical Exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines which states that minor alterations in land use limitations not resulting in the creation of any new parcel are exempt.
- 1.2 The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is base are in the custody of the Development Services-Planning Services at 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA.

2.0 Map Amendment Findings

- 2.1 *That there are changes in circumstances which make any and all of the conditions of such a map no longer appropriate or necessary.*

The subject recorded road easement was not improved and is completely within a single parcel making the need for a non-exclusive road easement unnecessary.

- 2.2 *That the modifications proposed do not impose any additional burden on the present fee owner of the property.*

The removal of the road easement would benefit, not burden, the current owners as the road easement is not needed to access any property.

- 2.3 *That the modifications proposed do not alter any right, title or interest in the real property reflected in the recorded map.*

The 50-foot easement for road and public utilities was for the benefit of parcels identified by Parcel Map 51-100 as Parcel B (Exhibit F). All property owners and utility companies with rights to the easement have no objection to its removal. As such, the modification to the map will not alter any right, title, or interest in the real property reflected on the map. Therefore, the map can be amended to reflect the project request.

2.4 *That the map as modified conforms to the provisions of Section 66474 of the Government Code.*

The provisions of Section 66474 of the Government Code (Subdivision Map Act) list the findings for approval or denial of a parcel map. The findings include consistency with the General Plan, suitability of the site for the type and density of development, significant environmental effects or public health problems, and conflicts with public access easements. The proposed removal of the road and public utility easement will not affect any of the provisions of findings for approval/denial of a Final Map since there exists an adequate road and public utility easement to serve the parcels, no physical change to the environment will occur, and there are no General Plan requirements for the easement. The Parcel Map Amendment maintains the same density as the original map and is consistent with the original approval.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

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1. The subject map amendment is based upon and limited to compliance with the project description, the Zoning Administrator Hearing exhibits marked Exhibits B-E dated January 18, 2017, and conditions of approval set forth below. Any deviations from the project description, exhibits, or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the County for conformity with this approval. Deviations may require approved changes to the permit and/or further environmental review. Deviations without the above described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval.

The project description is as follows:

Amend Parcel Map 51-100 to remove a recorded 50-foot non-exclusive road easement from Parcel B, as shown in Exhibit B.

The grading, development, use, and maintenance of the property, the size, shape, arrangement, and location of structures, parking areas and landscape areas, and the protection and preservation of resources shall conform to the project description above and the hearing exhibits and conditions of approval herein. The property and any portions thereof shall be sold, leased, or financed in compliance with this project description and the approved hearing exhibits and conditions of approval hereto. All plans must be submitted for review and approval and shall be implemented as approved by the County.

2. In the event of any legal action instituted by a third party challenging the validity of any provision of this approval, the developer and landowner agree to be responsible for the costs of defending such suit and shall hold County harmless from any legal fees or costs County may incur as a result of such action, as provided in *Section 66474.9(b)* of the *California Government Code*.

The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless El Dorado County and its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against El Dorado County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of El Dorado County concerning a map amendment, which action is brought within the time period provided for in *Section 66499.37*.

County shall notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding and County will cooperate fully in the defense.

3. A \$50.00 administrative processing fee is required by the County Recorder to file the Notice of Exemption. This fee must be delivered to the El Dorado County Planning

Services prior to the issuance of any development permit being issued on the project parcel.

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4. The property owners shall submit a “Certificate of Correction” amending Parcel Map 51-100 (Exhibit F) and PM 7-122 (Exhibit D). The certificate shall be prepared by an appropriately licensed professional and submitted to the County Surveyor for review in compliance with the Subdivision Map Act and County Code. Upon approval by the County Surveyor, the “Certificate of Correction” shall be recorded in the County Recorder’s Office, a copy of which shall be provided to Planning Services. The property owners are responsible for all associated processing and recording fees.